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60. (New) A method according to Claims 53, wherein the moving image data after editing comprises MPEG encoded data.

61. (New) A method according to Claims 60, wherein the MPEG-encoded moving image data is transmitted to a file.--

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 36, 45, 47-51, and 53-61 are pending in the application. Claims 1, 36, 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52 and 53 are independent.

Applicants have added new Claims 53-61 to afford themselves a scope of protection commensurate with the disclosure. The new claims are fully supported in the specification and Drawings, and are believed to be allowable over the cited art for the reasons to be developed below.

Claims 1-13, 36, 37, and 40-52 were rejected as being unpatentable over Bonomi Suqiyama, Nguyen, and Normille, for the reasons detailed at pages 3-12 of the

Office Action. Applicants respectfully traverse all art rejections.

Applicants submit that their JP '083 priority document was filed in Japan January 31, 1994, prior to Bonomi's U.S. filing date of February 17, 1994. Applicants respectfully submit that JP '083 provides proper support for the pending claims, and thus antedates the Bonomi reference. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the rejection has been overcome and the application is now in condition for allowance. Note, in particular, that the amended portions of Claims 1 and 36 are fully supported in the subject specification at page 25, lines 2-12, and this portion is fully supported in JP '083.

Note also that independent Claims 45, 47, 48, 49, 50, and 51 are fully supported in the subject application in the fifth and sixth embodiments described therein, and these portions are also fully supported in JP '083.

Newly-added Claims 53-61 are also fully supported in JP '083. In particular, Claims 53 and 54 supported in the subject application at page 24, line 28-page 25, line 1, and the corresponding portions of JP '083. Claims 55-58 are supported at page 24, lines 9 - 16 of the specification, and

the corresponding portions of JP '083. Claim 59 is supported at page 24, line 17-19 of the specification, and the corresponding portions of JP '083. Claims 60 and 61 are supported by the entire description of the sixth embodiments of the specification, and the corresponding portions of JP '083.

With respect to Claims 53, note that all the moving image data encoded in the MPEG system is not decoded, but only the moving image data which includes a frame to be edited and following in intraframe-encoded frame is decoded, and the decoded moving image data is stored. Then, a low-resolution image according to the stored moving image data, is output to a monitor; and an image to be edited is selected by using the low-resolution image output to the monitor. With these features, it is possible to reduce the moving image data to be decoded and to reduce the image to be displayed. Thus, in addition to editing, it is possible to improve processing speed and to reduce processing requirements. In contrast, Sugiyama discloses that each frame is intraframe-encoded, and an error between an original image and an encoded image is disbursed to another frame. Nguyen discloses animation image-editing, and Normille

discloses that forward play and reverse play are realized by using key frame. However, even if these patents are combined, the combination fails to disclose or suggest the two features of Claims 53 described above. Accordingly, the salient claimed features of the present invention are nowhere disclosed or suggested by the cited art.

REQUEST FOR PERSONAL INTERVIEW

The undersigned respectfully requests a personal interview with Examiner Hong to discuss support in JP '083 for the claimed features of the subject application. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned so that an interview may be arranged at a time convenient to the Examiner.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is believed that this application is now in condition for allowance, and a Notice thereof is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010.

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